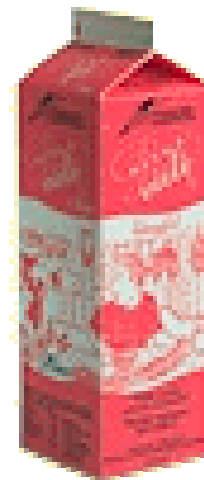


Modifying yoghurt texture by exopolysaccharide producing lactic acid bacteria

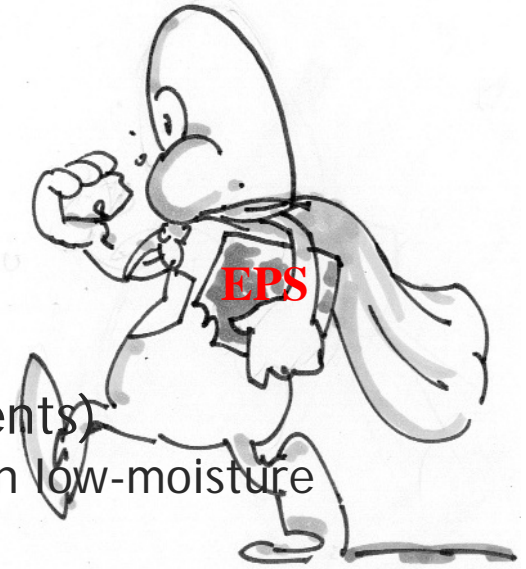
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EPS: Why do bacteria bother?

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- Cell protection (against toxic or limiting environments)
Water-binding properties of EPS: May protect bacteria in low-moisture environments
- Sequestering of essential cations
- Colonization
A wide array of distinct surface polysaccharide combinations exists on bacteria and may have implications on how bacteria are maintained in a specific ecological niche such as the intestinal tract
- Cellular recognition
- Inhibit amoebic attack or protect against phages



Polysaccharides (PS)

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Produced by a variety of LAB

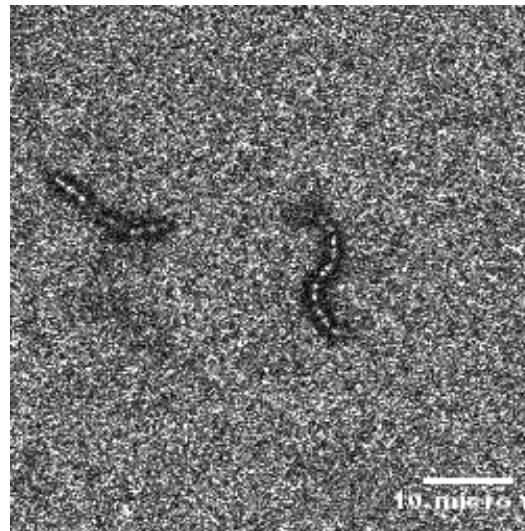
Strain dependent!

Large and branched
molecules (Mw 10^4 - 10^7 Da)

Produced in relatively
low quantities (50 - 800
mg/L fermented milk)

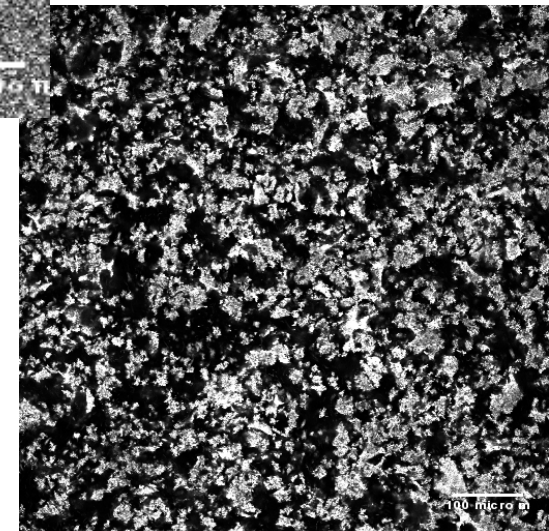
Build up of repeated subunits of
monosaccharides: glucose,
galactose, rhamnose and mannose
(phosphate, glucuronic acid and
others)

Attached to the bacteria cell
(CPS) or released (EPS)



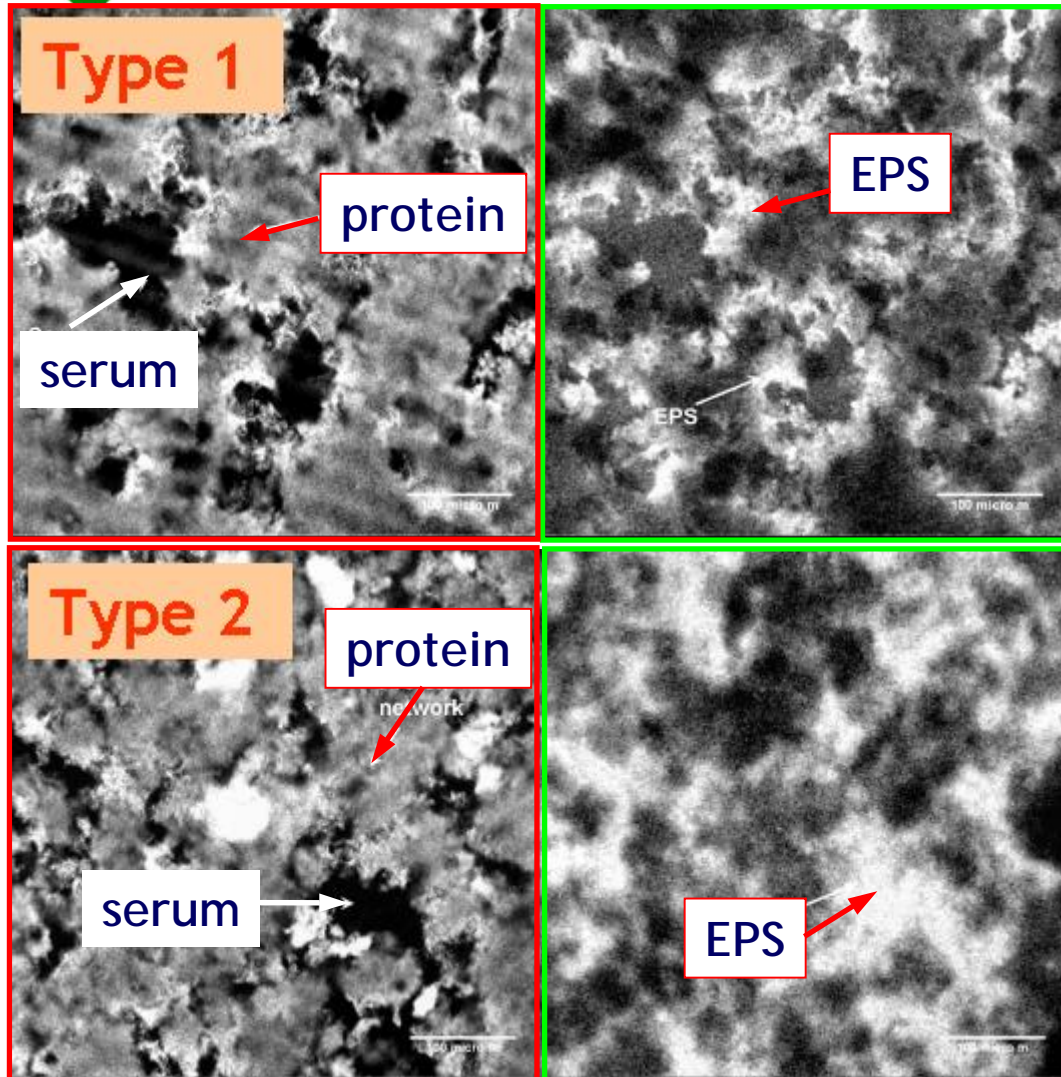
CPS produced by an ST
visualised by CLSM

EPS produced in yoghurt
visualised by CLSM



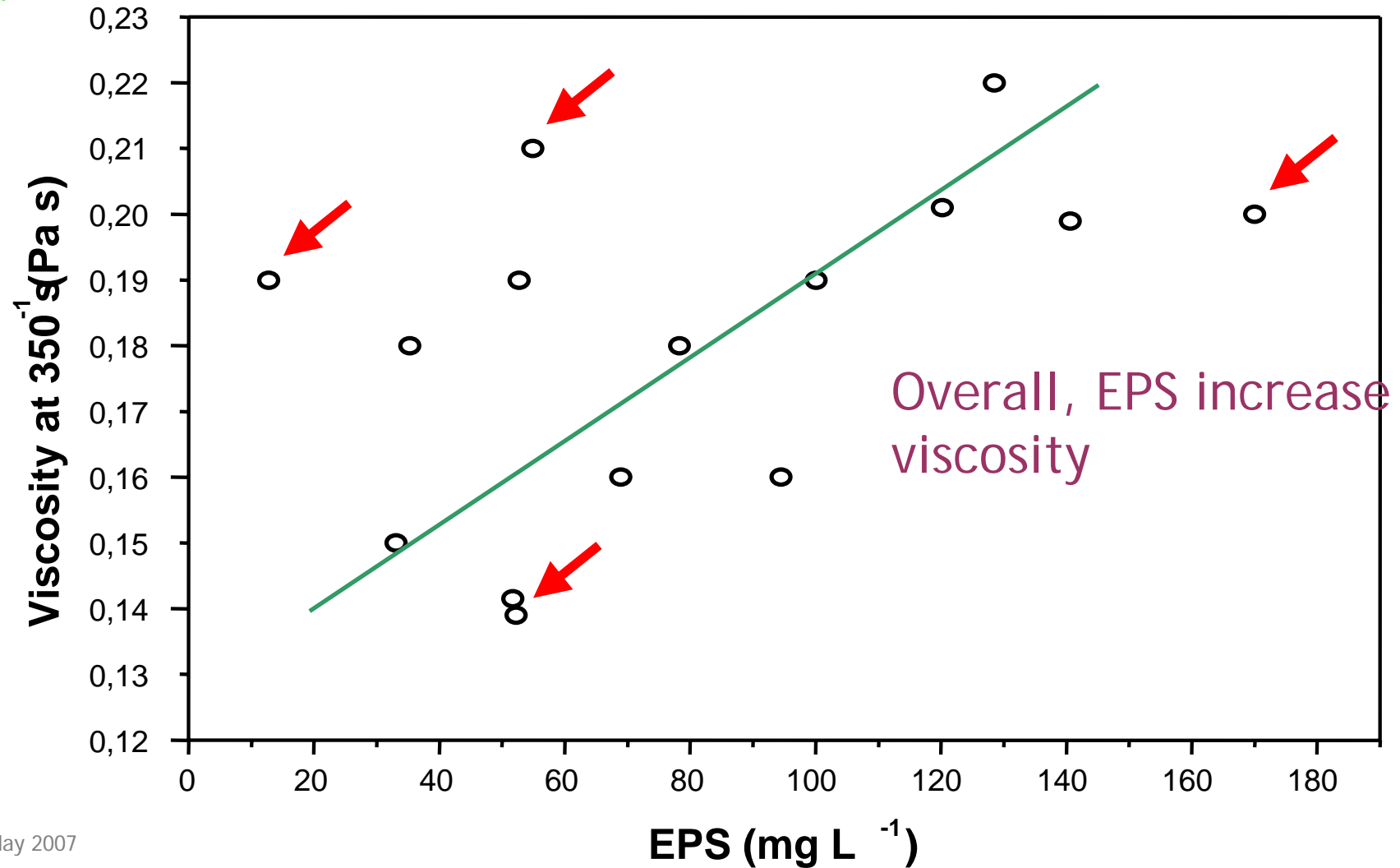
Protein-EPS Interactions in Yoghurt

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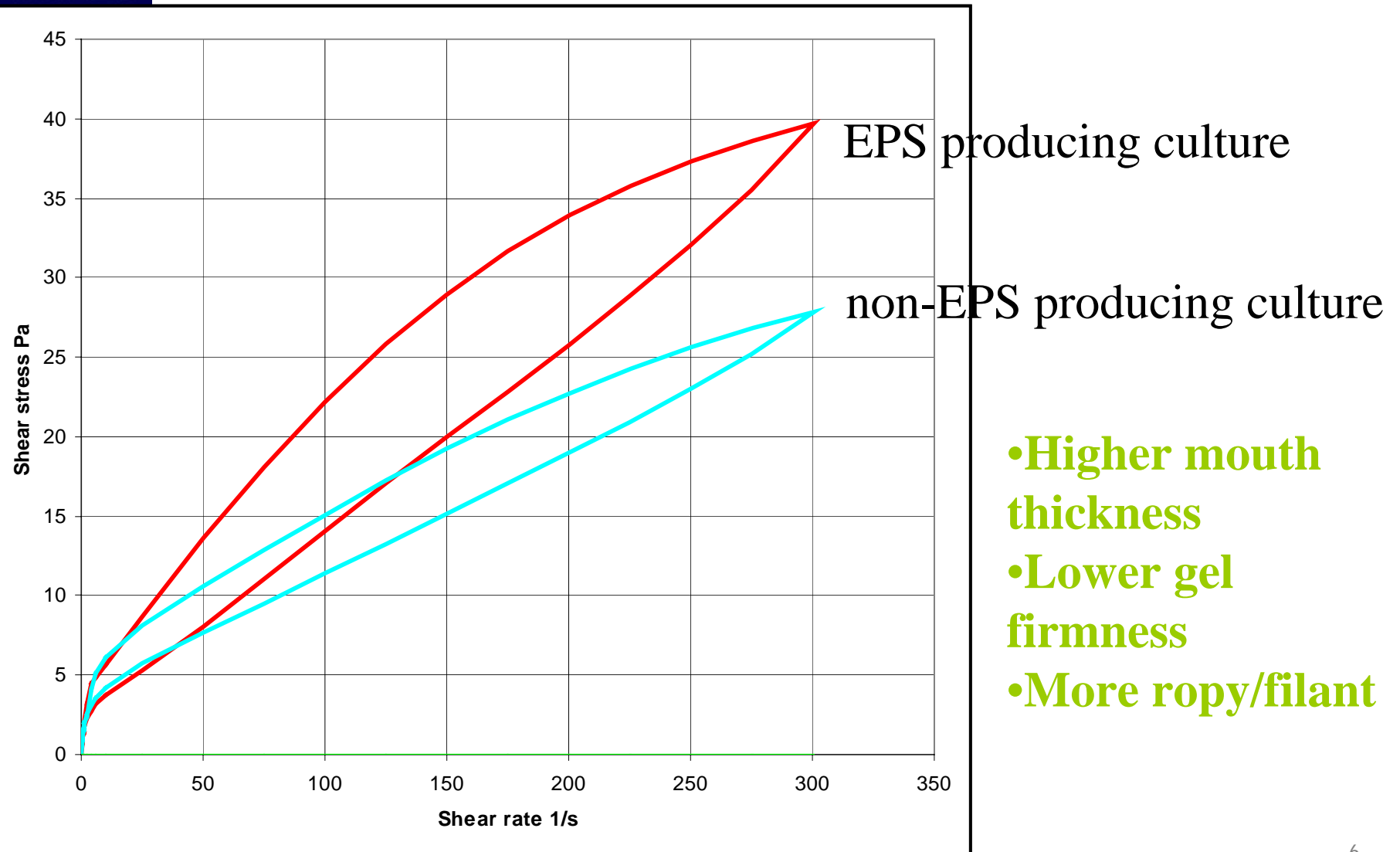
Viscosity as a function of EPS-concentration

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Rheological effects of EPS

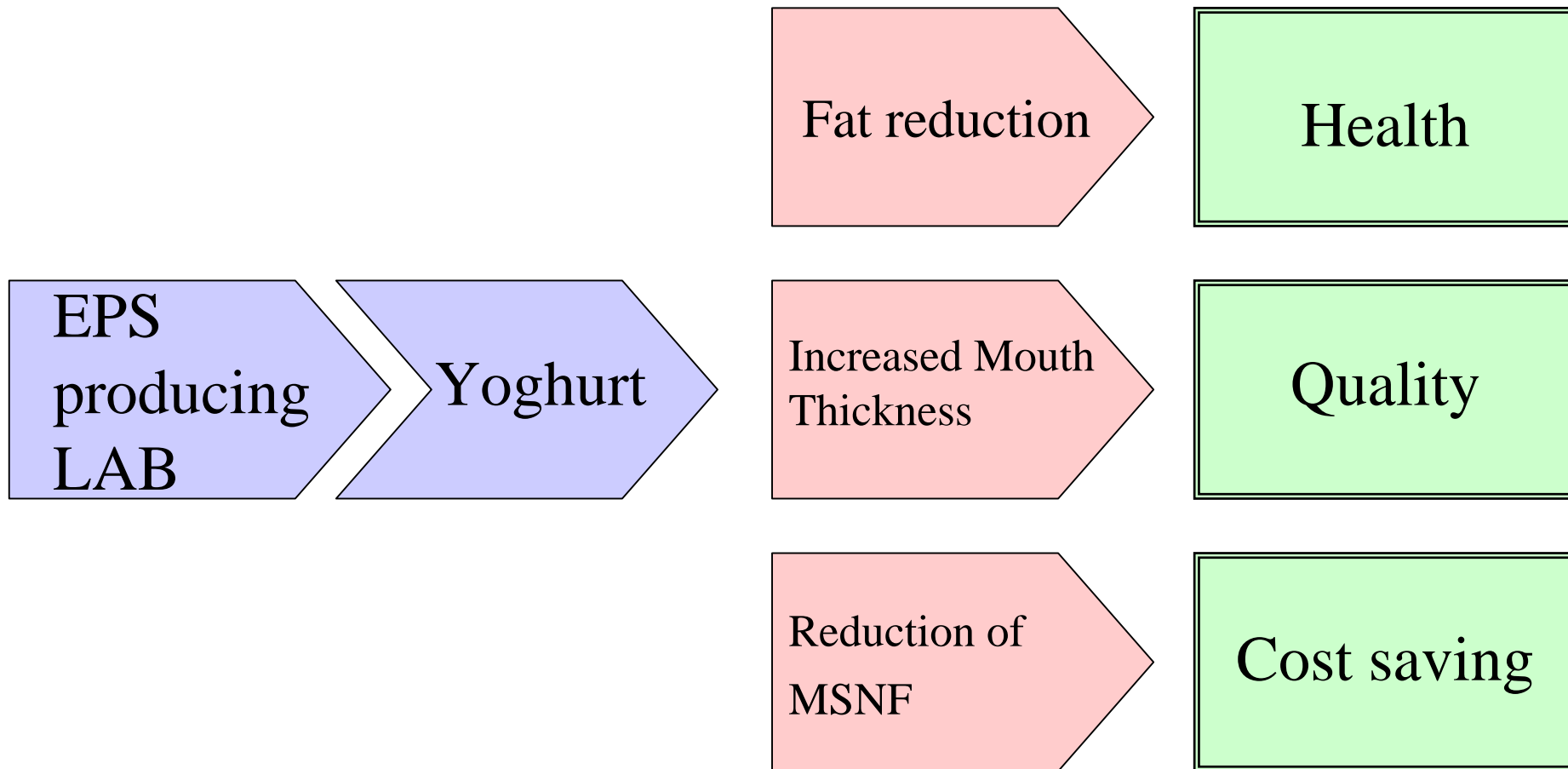
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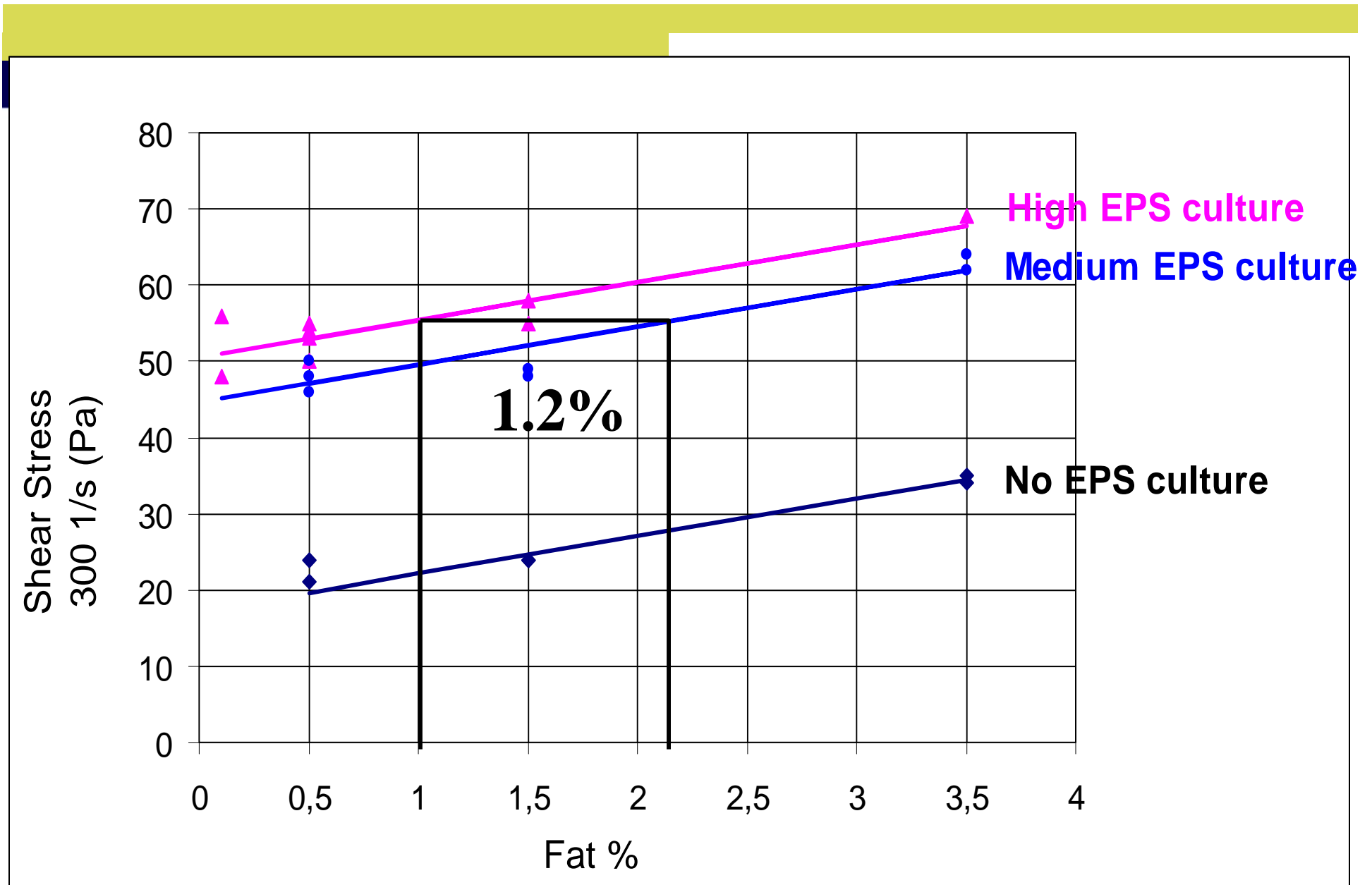
- Higher mouth thickness
- Lower gel firmness
- More ropy/filant

How can we use EPS?

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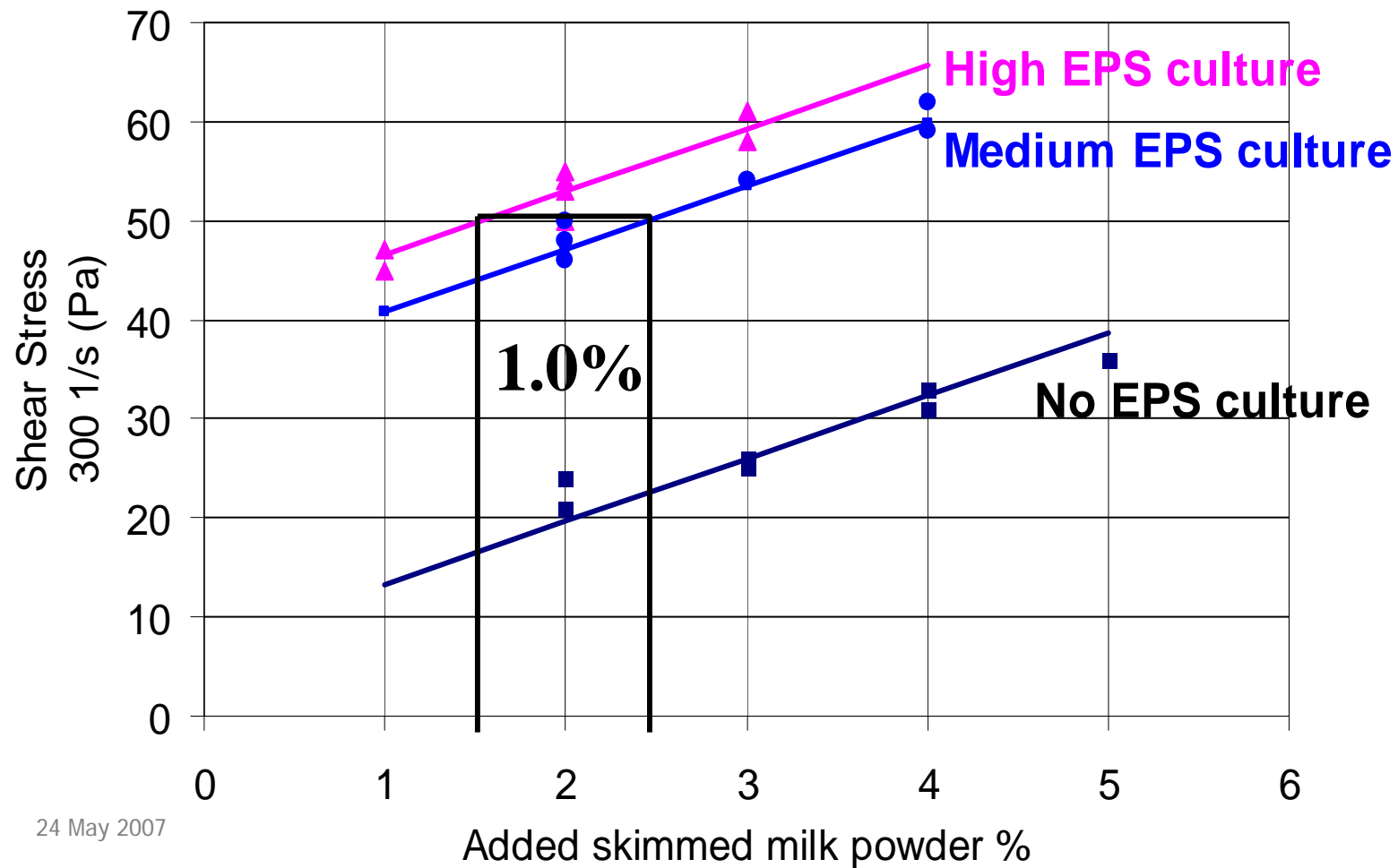


Health: Shear Stress vs Fat %





Cost: Saving Skimmed Milk Powder



How can we influence the texture properties by EPS production?

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Selection of strains



Culture composition/strain interactions



Fermentation temperature

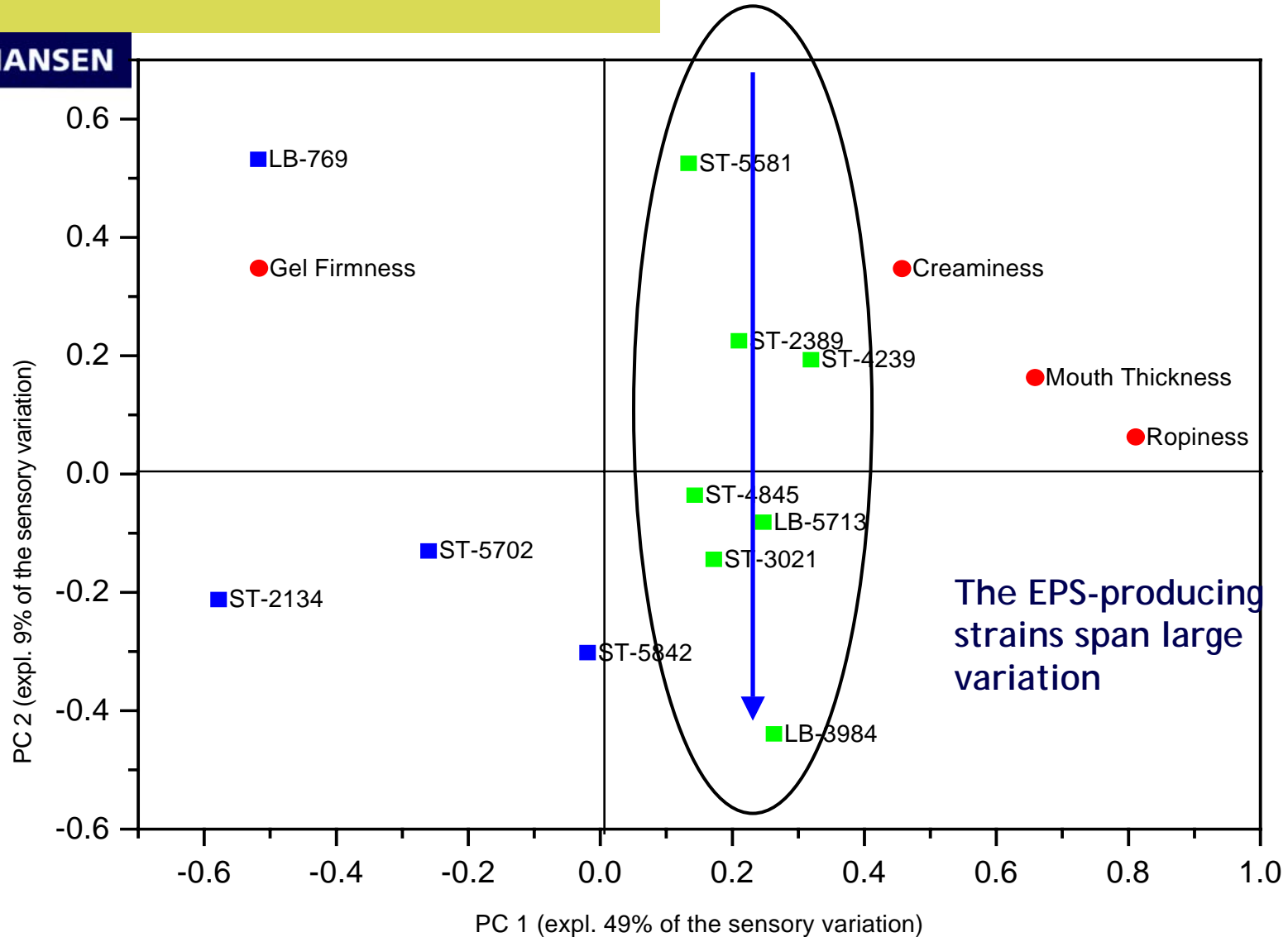


Interaction with protein



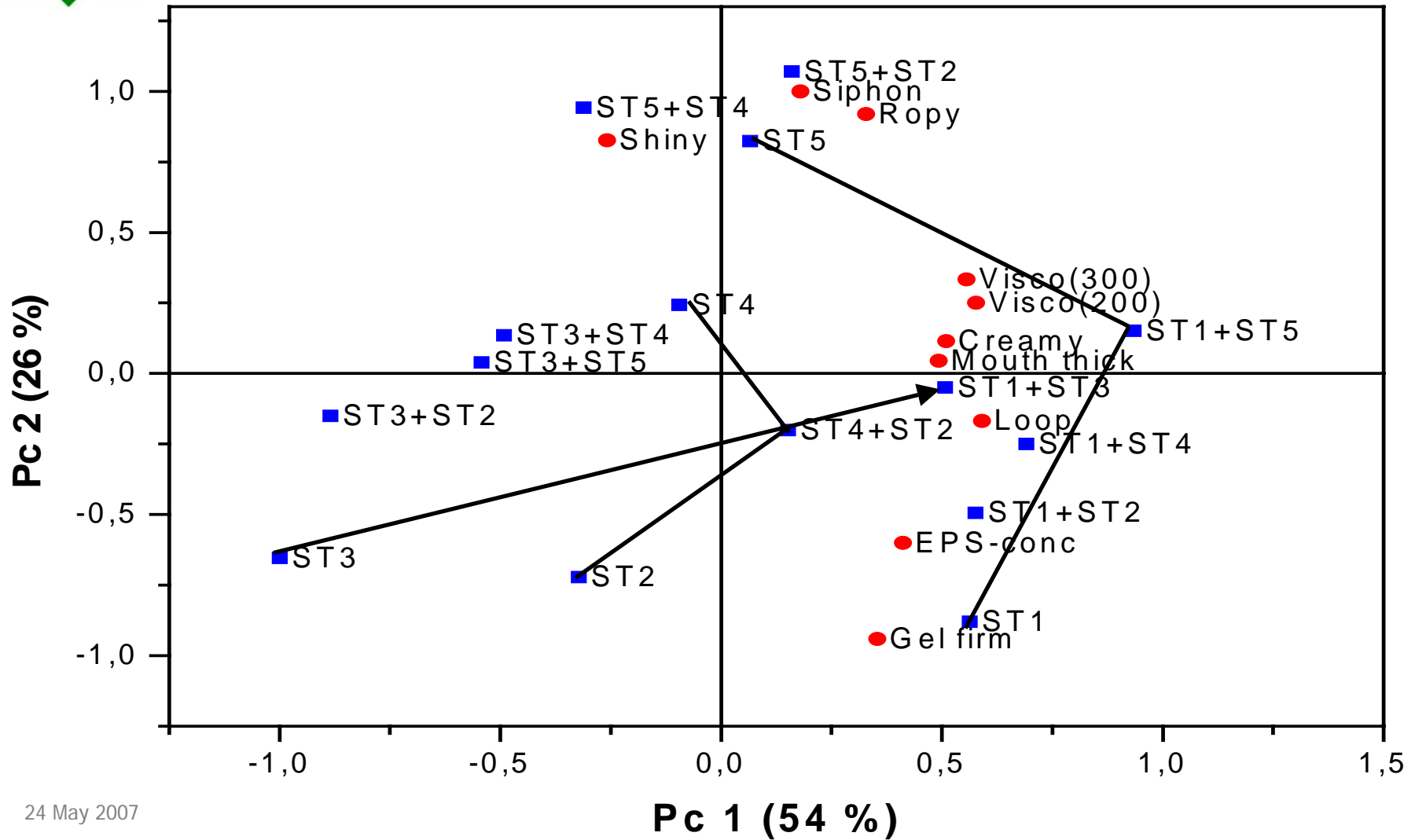
Variations within the EPS-producing strains

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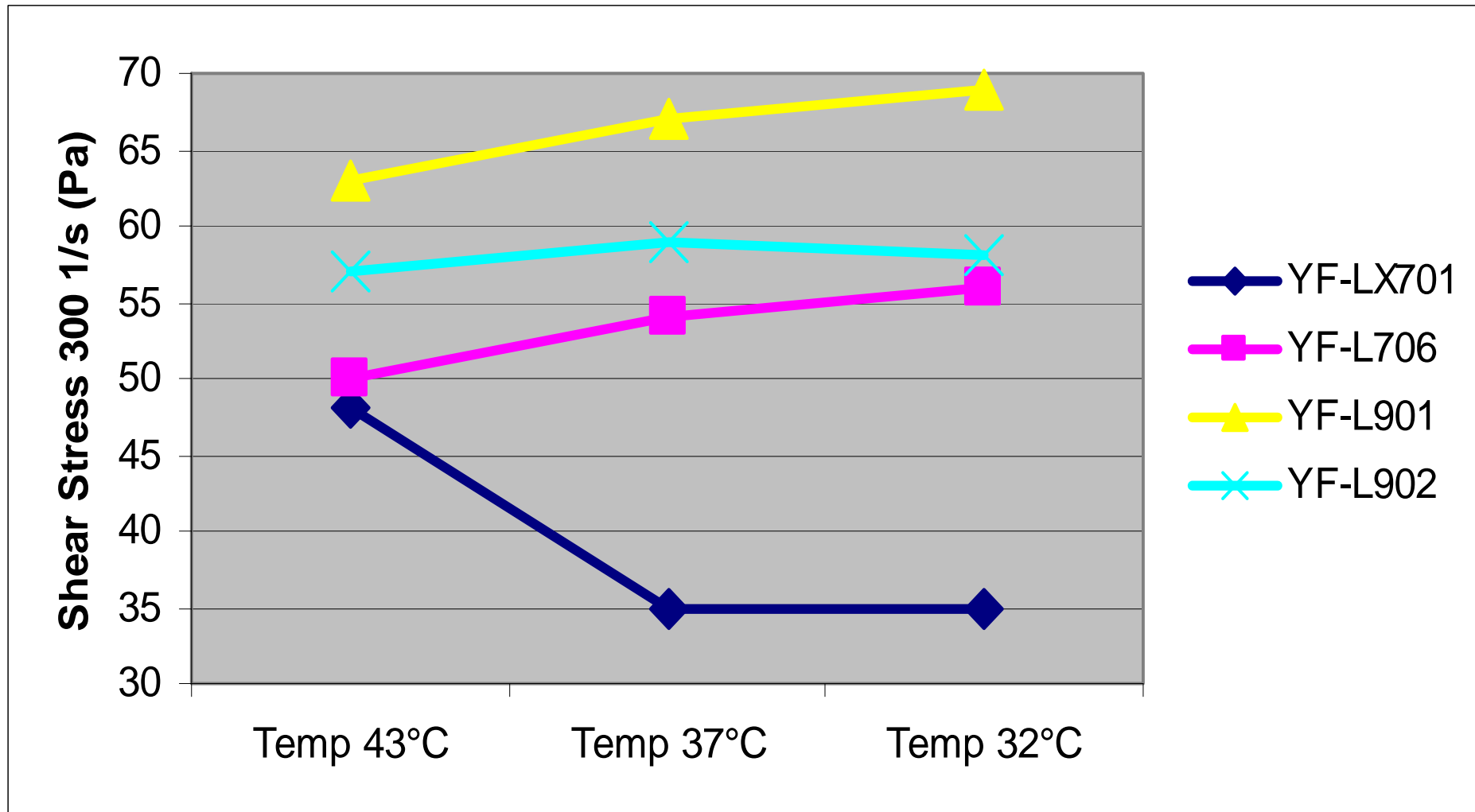
Strain interactions in mixed cultures

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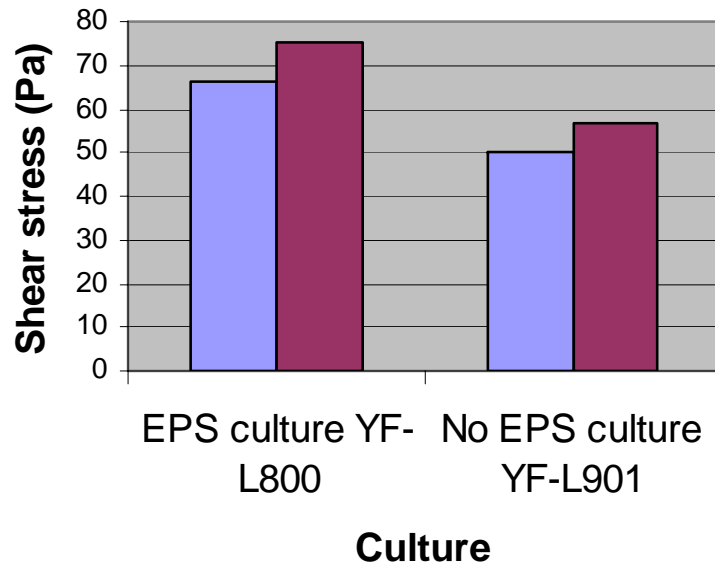
Shear Stress / Mouth Thickness

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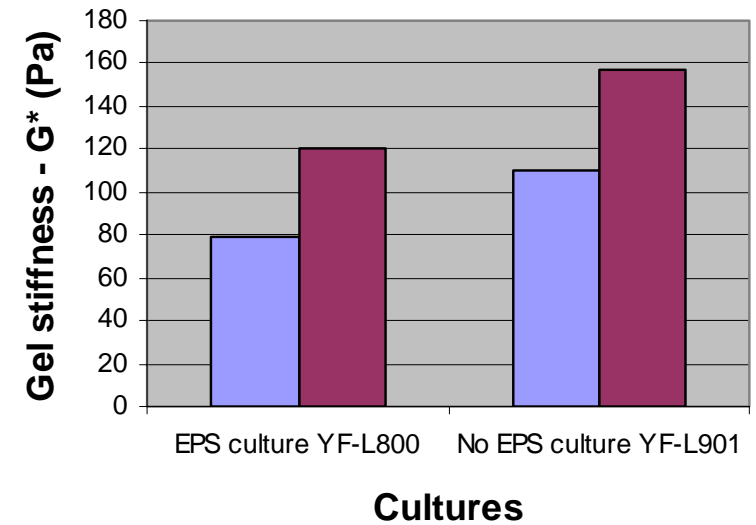


The influence of protein

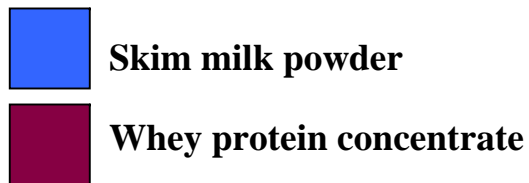
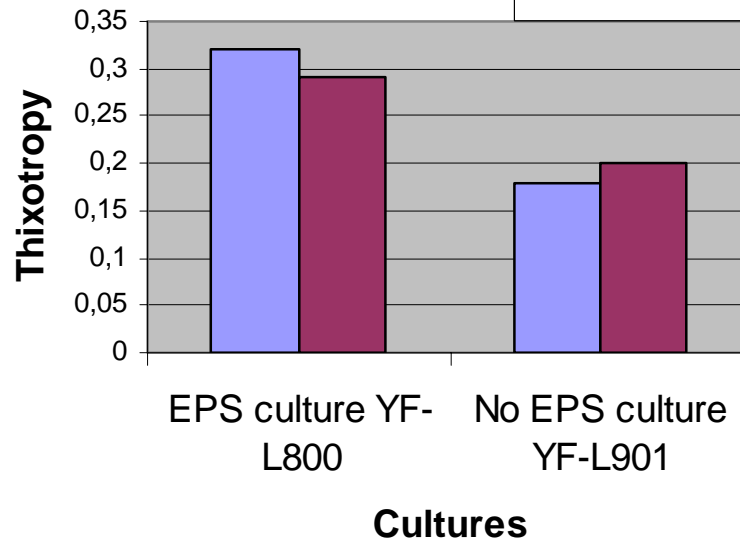
Mouth thickness



Gelfirmness



Ropiness



Conclusion:

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If you need to improve texture,
save money or reduce fat use
EPS-producing CULTURES

